

Town of Superior
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
August 10, 2016, 6:30 PM, Town Hall

Members In Attendance: Karen Taylor, Jenny Ballew, Patricia Dunham (Vice-Chair), Tracy Koller, Ken Lish (Chair), Ryan Welch.

Absent: Matt Morris (excused), Shawn Samuelson (excused), Joel White. Quorum Present.

Others in Attendance:

Trustee Liaison: Sandy Pennington

Town Staff Liaison: Allison James

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Discussion** – Equestrian Event. Jim Sawtell, 353 N. Sumac Circle in Superior, discussed with the group a possible basic introduction to horsemanship outdoor education program. Program items could include basic care, safety, tacking, short rides and riding instruction. The date available is October 16th and location could be the Richmond 15 property. Other items discussed were target age groups (7-12 years, 13-18 years), number of participants, marketing, information distribution, participant registration, multiple ongoing programs, safety equipment, volunteers, trail safety coloring books, and time and duration of event. OSAC requested that staff follow up with the Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding insurance coverage.
3. **Discussion and Recommendation** – Boulder County open space and trail priorities. The group discussed open space properties submitted in the past and the reporting results from Boulder County. Currently the Town has not received a request from Boulder County. The Committee unanimously voted that the Town Board should submit the following as the Town's prioritized Annual Boulder County Open Space Trail and GIS Request if the request is received:
 - a. Open Space Acquisitions
 - i. Level 3
 - ii. Zaharias (currently under proposal for development and may be purchased)
 - iii. Bolejack
 - b. Trail Projects:
 - i. Trail connection from the US 36 Underpass at Davidson Mesa, with a crossing at Marshall Road to link to Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and to the larger regional trail system. The trail will ensure a safe direct connection between Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Davidson Mesa trail system. This connection would enhance access to the Coal Creek/Rock Creek Regional Trail system and the Hwy. 36 Bikeway.
 - ii. Trail connection link to Meadowlark Trail and possible trailhead at the newly acquired Shan-Shan Chu property. This trail would link from the southwestern corner of the Shan-Shan Chu property to the Meadowlark Trail west of McCaslin Boulevard and south of Depot Street in Original Superior.

- iii. Improve surface and safety of Coalton Trail to a standard consistent with Meadowlark Trail. This project would include changing the former roadbed to a more typical trail profile by regrading and revegetating this long, straight trail segment. This would enhance the user experience by changing the character of the segment to be similar to surrounding trails.
 - iv. Link between Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Coal Creek Regional Trail. The Mayhoffer Singletree Trail and Meadowlark Trail meet at 3rd Avenue in Original Town Superior with an interim link to the Coal Creek Regional Trail near Town Hall via a soft-surface trail along the rail bed that scales the berm up to McCaslin Boulevard and then north along the roadway to the bridge over Coal Creek. The Town and Boulder County have coordinated in the past to plan a permanent link to CCRT via the rail bed and north below McCaslin Blvd and across the creek. The interim link has proven to be very popular getting users from the Marshall-Superior-Coalton trail system to the CCRT system. The Town has budgeted to build a pedestrian bridge as part of this overall plan.
 - v. Coalton Trail South to Hwy 128 and west to 66th Street. This trail recommendation would parallel McCaslin traveling south of the Coalton Trail, utilizing the topography of the properties as a buffer from the roadway. The trail would head west towards South 66th and connect with City of Boulder/Greenbelt Plateau and future regional connections to the south.
 - vi. Add access to the Meadowlark Trail off McCaslin Blvd. near High Plains Drive. This short trail connection would follow an existing social trail the leads from High Plains Drive to the existing Meadowlark Trail.
 - vii. [Note to Trustees and Town Staff: This recommendation is being removed from this year's request, but we would like the reasoning documented for historical/institutional memory purposes. It's being removed because Boulder County said it wasn't possible to construct this trail.] Trail connection added to Meadowlark Trail at its western-most point to link with Coalton Trail to the south. This trail would add a second, and significantly more direct, connection between Meadowlark Trail and Coalton Trail without requiring users to travel a circuitous route to reach Coalton Trailhead.
4. **Discussion** – Chili Fest. The Committee discussed having a few different highlights at the booth this year and the group will communicate on email for next steps.
5. **Updates and Lookahead:**
- Trails Outreach. OSAC will continue to work with PROSTAC to conduct community outreach.
 - Boulder County Tax meeting. The Boulder County open space tax may change from .25% open space to .125% open space and .125% allotted for sustainability projects. This item will be on the ballot in November.
 - STC Parks 1 & 2. Presentation for parks will go forward to planning commission on Sept. 6 and Town Board Sept. 12.
 - Trail Maintenance Volunteer Project. Ten people helped to repair water bars and moved washed out crusher fines on the trail at Rock Creek and Torrey's peak.
 - Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail- A new feasibility study has been developed for alternate trail alignments. This will be discussed in depth at the next OSAC meeting.